IMPORTANT NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Movements of Our Iron-Clad Steamships.

APPEARANCE OF THE MERRIMAC.

She Refuses the Challenge to Battle.

THE FATE OF NORFOLK IN THE BALANCE

The Merrimac the Only Defence of the City.

VICTORY SITS UPON OUR BANNERS.

Shortly before neon to-day the Monitor, Naugatuck, eminole, Susquehanna, Dacotah and San Jacinto, in the rder in which they are named, steamed up toward nt, Captein Lardner, of the Susquehanna, in amand of the expedition.

hell against Sewall's Point. Most of the shots were goo ones. It was nearly half an hour before a reply was ande from the Point.

The Rip Raps next opened fire, and then the for the first time. Several shots were fired from the single gun on the extremity of the point, when one from the gun, as it has not been fired since.

rest of the fleet, and she continued in motion until within a mile or two of the Point, when considerable execution tust have been done by her accurate firing.

The Naugatuck kept in the background, the range of

battery replied briskly. The Rip Raps fired occasionally and a continual fire was kept up from the gunboats.

The affair was comparatively uninteresting from this point of view, on account of the distance; se details can-The Monitor about this time returned from her ad

vanced position and joined the fleet. In the distance nothing of her could be seen but a small square dot in At about half-past two o'c'ock the Merriman made he ce, when the fleet returned, with the exception

of the Monitor. The Merrimac is still (five o'clock) of the Point. The Monitor is ready to attack her. The ect of a fight at present (half-past five o'c'ock). conitor has returned. The Merrimac is in the same FORTRES MONSOE, May 8, 1862.

This has been a most stirring and exciting day at Old Point, and all are anticipating the early fall of Norfolk.

At eleven o'clock the steamer Naugntuck was observed raising steam, and about twelve o'clock she moved out by the side of the Monitor, which vessel had also cleared bor decks for action, taken down her awning and pipes, and stood forth in full fighting trim.

HALF-PAST ELEVER O'CLOCK. at l'acotah has just moved up in line of battie with two little batteries, followed by the sloop-o-war Seminole and the San Jacinto. The flagship Minnesota

The Naugatuck has moved up towards Mizabeth river, lowed by the Monitor and Dacotah in line of battle he San Jacinto follows slowly. Heavy firing can still be heard from the direction of

James river, where, as you have already been informed by telegraph, the Galena and other gunboats have gone. e-wheel steamer Susquehama has just moved ag the Seminole and San Jacinto. In the mean-Dacotah, Monitor and Naugatuck had re-sched the channel and taken a position off Sewall's Point, and Dacotah fired a shot towards Craney Isla and shot from the Decotah struck the beach at Sen

San Jacinto and Seminole. No answer from either of the rebel forts, and the Dacotah and Monitor are steaming up Elizabeth river. The Naugatuck is lying off towards th es river. Presently the Dacotah and fonitor approach Craney Island and Sewall's Point. The res every few minutes alternately at Sewall's Island, the enemy making no reply, although all the balls reach their intended destination itor is now taking the lead, but has not fired In the meantime the Seminole and Susquebanna open the latter falling short of the Monitor, which is now

FORFY MINUTES PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK. The rebels are firing rapidly from Semalt's Point, p. in cipally at the Mounter, while a continued succession of shells to being poured on the enemy from the Susquehanna, Dicotah, Seminole and San Jacinto, broadsid broadside. The Rip Raps also throw occasiona shells into Sewall's Point. FIFTY MINUTES PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK

The Susquehanna, Pacotah, San Jacinto and Seminole are pouring shells, and the Monitor threw her first two shells from a point fully a mile and a half ahead of the other vessels. The guns from Sewall's Point fall short of the regular fleet, and many of them explode high : the air at half distance. The Monitor is still moving and a float, lying in line of battle, are still living steadily. Ont o'Clock P. M.

The Monitor is now within a mile of Sewali's Point moving slowly forward and firing. The onemy are also briskly from Sewan's Point at the Monitor, and shells are falling thickly around her. Craney Island is also joining in the fight, and has just thrown several shells at the Monitor, one of which exploded directly eyer ber. The Monitor moved steadily forward, occasional y firing and receiving shells and shot from the rebel batteries with perfect indifference.

Two o'Clock P. M.

During the past hour there has been but little if any change in the progress of the bombardment. The Mon tor has fallen back and lays alongside of the Susquehan ua, probably for the purpose of communicating with her. The Naugatuck in the meantime has been throwing shells into Pig Point, and the first have also thrown a

The Monitor and Dacotch are moving along again slowly up the mouth of the Elizabeth river. A dense indicating that our incends y shells thrown there have Gred the barracks. The Dacotah continues to throw her shells directly into she Point, the explosions of which can be distinctly seen. The shells from the Point mostly fall short and splash along in the water or explode in the air, the constant changing in position of vessels destroying the range of the rebel gunners. They are, however, making quite a determined fight from their works, giving our fleet almost shell for shell and shot for shot. Sewall's Point is almost enveloped in smoke from its own guns; and the fire raging in the vicinity must make it a hot place for suffering humanity. HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

She is probably cooling her guns. Four larger vessels throw occasional shots, all of we ch appear to enter the works of the enemy, or explode within the woods be-yond. The Rip Raps has also sept up a constant cross Point batteries. The Rip Raps battery has the range of Sewall's Point perfectly.

QUARTER TO THREE O'CLOCK P. M. The rebel monster Marrimen now makes her appearance on the scene. She has just passed from behind Sewall's Point, and is running down slowly towards the federal fleet. Her black hull can be seen moving clowly multaneously with the appearance of the Morrimac, the Monitor started up from behind the wooden vessels and moved up to meet the enemy. Donne volumes of smoke ascended from the pipes of the Merrimos.

The Monitor, with only a pull of white steam escaping,

looke in the distance like an atom on the surface of water. The larger vessels have drawn saids and left. The Moustor and the Nangatuck are now to the approach.

THUMB O'CLOCK P. M. The Minnesota fires her signal gun and the long roll being beaten in the fort. The Minnesota is starting to come up from her auchorage below the fort. The vessels of the flest had been lying quietly at anchor for the last half hour, when the signal from the flagship ordered them all to return. The Susquehanna let the way, followed by the San Jacinto, Sominole, Dacotah, and the Monitor bringing up the cone, all apparently using the Monitor bringing up the rear, all apparently using the

To spectators this seemed rather mortifying; but as they moved down in line the Monitor was observed to halt, and the San Jacinto and Dacotah also followed her example, leaving the Susquehanna and Seminole moving taken their positions, the Morrimac also haited, and the five vessels stood thui, not more than a mile and a half apart, the Morrimac apparently not willing to come further down and the Monitor unwilling to go further up. The Minnesota also atcamed up in front of the fortress wharf, followed slowly by the Vanderbilt, when both stopped. After lying in this position a while, the Minnesota turned round and steamed back, and the Vanderbilt, without turning, backed water slowly down Whilst all this manœuvring was going on firing had entirely seased from all points.

FORT MINUTES PAST THESE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Morrimac now turns round and steams back to-Norfolk, with her rebal flag flying impudently The Baltimore steamer Georgiana has laid out in the stream, with steam up, all the afternoon, ready to escape from danger at the earliest momen. The Minnesota Vanderbilt have gone back to their anchorage. The Date again proceeds up towards the Merrimac, and the Monitor at ute towards the mouth of Elizabeth river. The Dasotah is now within easy range of Sewall's Point, but the batteries there do not open on her. She and the Monitor have both stopped, and the Merrimac is lying stationary, about a mile in advance of the Craney Island batteries. e made public just yet.)

The Vanderbilt and Arago have now steamed up in ront of the wharf, and have again halted The Merrimac has run back under the guns of Craney island, and the Monitor is ateaming of towards her at

The Minnesota is also coming up again at full speed,

the effort being to draw the rebels out again. QUARTER TO FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

For the past hour the fleet has been moving back and orward; but the Merrimac still lies under the guns of Craney Island.

Merrimac, and the Dacotah, Susquehanna and Semi-nole are still in the rear. The Naugatuck is also moving up towards the Monitor.

The Minnesota, Arago and Vanderbilt have gone back their anchorage, and there is no prospect of

The troops are going on board the transports, and the war vessels, including the Monitor, have all returned to their anch orage.

The President viewed the action from a tugboat, lying about a mile in the rear of the fleet. He has just re turned, and as he passed up the wharf was veciferously cheered by the troops.

Our feet having retired, the Merrimac is again steam ing out. The Menitor, Dacotah and Naugatuck are still, however, in position of Sowall's Point.

An officer of the Seminole states that the robel flarstaff on Sewall's Point was twice shot away during the bombardment. The first time it fell it was picked up, and a rebel in a red shirt jumped on the ramparts, with a stump of the staff and the flag, and waved it, when a shell struck him, killing him, and it is supposed others

one struck any of our vessels. Some went over their masts, but most fell short. The rebels could be distinctly seen from the vessels carrying off their dead and

Our Fortress Monroe Correspondence. FORTHESS MONROS, May 8, 1862.

much of a Relei Steamer to Newport's News-2he ment of Sewal's Point and Crancy Island-Rapid Evacuation of Norfolk-Southern Res cerning the Merrimac-She will be Birum up Rather Jacksonian Orders of President Lincoln-Operations of This morning at hall-past seven o'clock a small steame

was descried approaching Newport's News from the rebel side of James river. She was quite a small craft, with a dense column of black smoke curling firmed the belief that she was making her escape from rebeldom. Upon a telescopic observation, no fisg was halliard, a white flag with a red border, in the centre of which was the name of the boat, "J. B. White." The troops to garrison at Newport's News viewed the fugitive steamboat with great curiosity, and, as she reached the wharf, the troops crowded it in order to loars the late news from "Secessia." After the little Cantain Christian, son of the Provest Marshal went on board the bear and took possession of it in the name of the United States. The boat had a crew went on board the Children and the boat had a crew of three men—viz: captum, engineer and deck hand, also two peasengers. She left Norfolk at half-past five this morning on the pretense to go to Tamer's creek to tow a schooner, on board of which was a gun, to the Navy Yard. The rune worked well; hence the scape, the passengers from Norfolk report that Sewall's Ponn has been alsonatoned by the robels, they taking away with them all the ammunition except ten charges for end gun. Crancy Island has been partially abandoned; some of the guns have been sent to Richmond, and all the powder, with the exception of ten rounds to each gun. Norfolk is being evacuated. Great many citizens remain, cleadfastly refusing to ahare the positive destruction of the rebel horde.

Captain lee, Confederate States Navy, is in command there, and a systhewill not leave one brick upon another. The Richmac will be left for the defence of Norfolk; and, it commendes he bet for the defence of Norfolk; and, it commendes he bet for the defence of Norfolk; and, it commendes he bet in the falling into our hands. The Provest Marshal of Norfolk issued an order vesterday to the effect that all the coston, tobacco, ap. its of tripentine and oil in the district be removed therefore a by we colock to-day, and a return be made to the depart whal commander, so that transports on may be secured. The articles enumerated above not disposed of as directed will be confected, and parties who have concealed them, or connice at it the concealment or conveyance to any secret place of deposit, were to have been a received and severely punished.

Commance Tatanal has not resigned the command of the Merrimac. The runor of his resignation arose from the fact that he was ordered to report a Yorktewn to the military commander, to which he interposed positive objections. He replied to the reb. Secretary of War's order that he would start for Yorktewn, running the blockade, but "would report to no one; he would go and act on his own hook."

At hait-past seven o'clock thi of three men-viz: captum, engineer and deck hand,

menths past.

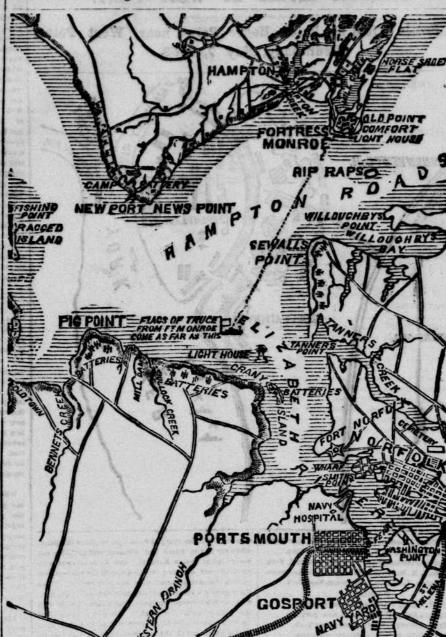
At a quarter past ten o'clock A. M. heavy cannorading was heard from the direction of the James river. Probably the Galema and her consorts may be attacking a large rebel work near Day's Point, twenty miles from Newport's News.

The rebels at Sewall's Point have been destroying powder for several bours during this forence. They also bursts a large number of cannon to prevent them failing into our hands.

FORTERS MONROR, May 8, 1862. Exciting Times in the Vicinity of the Portress—Movement of Union Virels to Sewall's Point—The Dacotah Opens Fir—Move at of the Monitor—Precision of Iron Compliments—in the Rebel Comp—Enthusians of the Foreign Easy of War—Appearance of the Merrimac—Her Movements before the Union Vessels—The Merrimac the Only Defence of Norfolk, de., de., de.

The usual action of this department was suddenly thrown into commodion to-day by the movements of our deet and their operations on the rebel batteries at Scwall's Point. At twelve o'clock to-day the signal from the flagship Wabash warned all the fleet to get under weigh. In a few minutes the little battery Naugatuck (E. A. Stovers), followed by the battery Monitor, and at intervals by the Dasotah, frigate San Jacinto and gunboat Seminole, were under full head of steam, moving by the channel course towards the rebel position at Sowall's Point. The movement of the fleet, sudden as it was, soon draw thousands of the anxious in the direction of the impending conflict. As the flect progressed the renerectore mentioned. The Pacotah took the lead, the Monitor next, followed by the other respekt. At impair that here is great excitement at Norfolk change of the State moneys.

NAVAL ATTACK ON SEWALL'S POINT. The Stir in Hampton Roa's .-- Our Iron-Clad Steamers at Work



minutes past twelve the Dacotah got within range of the rebel battery and opened fire from her splendid rifled manon. At first the shot fell short, but a few more experimental shots got the range of the rebel works; the other vessels subsequently got another range, and in twenty minutes the engagement became general, the becoming of the cannon making the very earth trem-ble for miles around. The rebels promptly replied to the fire of our fleet; but it was at once apparent tha their guns, though of heavy calibre, were not equal to ours, and our vessels, keeple, o nof range of the rebel guns, had the play all then cwn way. At a quarter beore o'clock P. M. the Moultor had got in position in the Elizabeth river, between Crancy Island and Sewall's Point, and within one mile of the rebel works. From there she opened fire on the rebels, sending her elevenents with a precision and accuracy of ain inch compliments with a precision and accuracy of aim that no doubt made the rebels believe that they had no ordinary war machine to contend against. The rebels directed a furious cannonade at the Monitor, the shot striking thickly around her, and some of them appeared to strike her invulnerable walls. The other vessels of the feet kept at a respectful distance, yet throwing shot and shell directly into the rebei works, with, no doubt, considerable effect. The roar of artillery for one hour was most terrific, our vessels pouring broadside after broadside upon the enemy. The little steamer Naugatuck, with her one hundred pounder Parrott, was not idle, her shell going directly into the enemy's work. At a quarter-past two our vessels slowed their fire, and fired only at intervals. At this time a signal was made from

At eighteen minutes past two a dense smoke ar from the rebel camp. It no doubt was the result of the effect of one of the incendiary shells thrown from one of our vessels. The black snoke arose in a dense column, betimes enveloping the rebel camps. The rebels, to their credit be it said, stood to their gens manfully, and

the ship of the senior officer.

effect of one of the incendiary shells thrown from one of our vessels. The black smoke area in a dense column, betimes enveloping the rubel camps. The rebols, to their credit be it said, stood to their yms manfilly, san replied to the camonade of our vessels in a manner worthy of a better cause. At half-past two P. M. the rebels appeared to be getting the worst of the bembardment, as their fire for ten minutes entirely canced. This cessation was improved by our vessels, who sent shell by the dozen in and near the rebel camps. The report of our chells as they burst were terrific. For Wood, on the Rip Raps, also took part in the engagement from the first, and with an accuracy of range kert up a rapid cannonade, the shot exploiting in the enemys works. The harbor by this time presented a sone of omusual activity—eteam and square of the different vessels were running hither and thither; the citters of the French, English and Danish was vessels to our wessels enjoying the ground agind of the bombardment, and frequently gave evidence of their enthusiases by charring the good practice of our vessels engaged. The ramparts of the furthers were leveled upon by Socretary paranal Wood, scoredary Stanton etected upon by Socretary paranal wood, scoredary Stanton etected upon by Socretary paranal wood, scoredary Stanton etected upon by Socretary paranal and General Word, so the commanders of brigades to predict the product of the season of the season

ours.

Buring the whole of this affair, which I have so hastily detailed, the robel batteries at Craney Island were entirely stient, although our vessels were in range of them during the greater part of the engagement. This contirms the report that the enemy are evacuating their nirms the report that the enemy are evacuating their works at that point.

The rebeit refugees who arrived here to-day report that, as a last resort, the Merrimae is to rea up the James river and oppose our gunboats, as circumstances may permit; and, as a last resort, when all measures to keep her safe fall, she is to be blown up.

this morning; that General Burnside, with a large force, is within a few miles of Weldon, and that the retroops are evacuating the city with all possible speed sewall's and Pig points, they say, are already abo doned, and preparations were making to destroy the Navy Yard and other public property.

City Intelligence.

Funeral of Adjutant Gadsden, of Hawkins' Zouaves.— The funeral of Adjutant Charles A. Gadsden, of the Nintl New York Volunteers (Hawkins' Zonaves), took place yesterday afternoon, from the Armory of the Sev regiment, National Guard. The remains were laid in as elegant coffin, on the lid of which was a plate cont the following inscription:-

ADJUTANT CHARLES A. GADSDER, April 19, 1962, Aged 30 years, 5 months and 21 days.

The attendance of soldiers and civilians was very nu The attendance of soldiers and civilians was very numerous and respectable, Company K, Seventh regiment, of which deceased was formerly a member, acting as special escort. The religious ceremonies were performed by the Rev. F. B. Ewer, who read the soloim service of the Episcopal church service over the remains. About half-past two o'clock the funeral cortege took its departure for freenwood Cewetery, where the deceased was interred with all the military honors befitting his rank and services. Adjutant Gausden was a native of England, and met like death recently at Camdon, N. C., while leading Hawkins' Zouave. orning a fire broke at on the fourth floor of No. 204 Front stree . occupied by E. & Wm. H. Goodwin manufacturers of tobucco. The flames were extinguished before the fire extended beyond the place of origin. The iamage to the stock, by fire and water, will amount to about \$2,000. Insured for \$10,000 in the American and Market insurance companies. The first floor of the building is occupied by Charles F. Goodwin, ship baker, as an office and for storage of flour; stock dam-Humboldt..... \$5,000

RECOVERY OF DESTRICT ATTORNEY HALL .- Wo feel pleasure in announcing that Mr. A. Oakey Hall, our efficient District Attorney, is so far recovered that he ill probably be able to resume the duties of his clice on Monday next.

thirty years of age, was found drowned at the foot os Franklin street yesterday. The body, which appeared to have been in the water about two weeks, was sent to the deadhouse for identification.

Police Intelligence

ARGUMENT IN THE CONCERT SALOON CASE .- There was considerable excitement in and about Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon, growing out of an argutresses and orchestra of Canterbury Hall are defendants. The counsel for the accessed held that the proprietors of The connector the accused held that the proprietors of the salcon alone were amenable under the law, and that there was nothing whatever in the act which would justify the magistrate in helding the defendants. He therefore moved for their discharge. Justice Kelly stated that he would look over the papers and give his decinion in a day or two. The attaches of the Canterbury were present in full force, and manifested a deep interest in the proceedings. Among those who were present and sympathized with the fair actresses was a Deputy Sheriff, an ex-policeman and several sporting man about town.

E.-Consill. Barclay Robbins.—About two weeks ago Mr. George Barclay, ex-British Consul, residing at No. 8

teClane, of No. 93 Franklin street; Charles Yost, of No. 42 Leonard street; George Frink, of No. 8 lay street, and John L. Eggers, of No. 92 Franklin street, all liquor deal-ers, wore arrested by Captain Patty, of the Fifth ward, for selling liquor without a license. Justice Connolly held the accused to ball, in the sum of \$100 each, to answer.

Bosrov, May 9, 1862. Captain Michael Berry, formerly commander of the teamship Columbia, was released from Fort Warren you

NEWARE, May 9—1:40 P. M. An extensive firs is new raging at the corner of Hamiltonia ton street and Railroad avenue. Nearly a whole block is already destroyed, owing to lack of water.

Funeral of Gov. Harvey of Wisconsin The funeral of Governor Harvey yesterday was largely attended. The coremonies were very interest was largely attended. The coremonies were very interest was being were to be due to business houses closed. The heare, was drawn by white horses were black plutees, and escorted by the military.

Sentence for Embezzloment.

THE VICTORY AT NEW ORLEARS.

Our Full Report of the Capture of the Crescent City.

The Greatest Naval Achievement of the Age.

Four Forts and Innumerable Batteries Taken.

All the Rebel Cunbeats, Iron Rans, Booms, Torpedoes, Chains and . Rafts Destroyed.

Our Wooden Walls with Iron Hearts too Much for the Rebel Iron-Clad Vessels.

What an Example for the Naval Officers in Hampton Boads!

The Paul Jones Scenes on the Mississippi.

SCENES. INCIDENTS AND NARROW ESCAPES.

The Pluck and Glory of Our Jack Tars,

We have further details of the brilliant victory at New Orleans. Our special correspondents came up in the Cayuga, and bring the graphic particulars of this splendid naval triumph. Our descriptions would fill two or three triple sheet HERALDS: we give all we can this morning, with maps.

The squadron under command of Flag Officer D. G. Farragut has certainly accomplished one of the greatest achievements on record.

On the morning of the 24th of April, as before described in the HERALD, Forts Jackson and St. Philip were passed, and thirteen gunboats and three transports of the enemy were totally destroyed. The iron Ram Manassas was sunk. Hundreds of rebel sailors and sharpshooters were killed and burned up in their

On Friday noon, the 25th, two batteries near the city were silenced, and at one o'clock of the same day the squadron lay at anchor off the city of New Orleans. Millions worth of cotton and shipping were set on fire and destroyed by the enemy.

On the 26th we took possession of two heavy field works nine miles above the city.

A new iron ram, the Mississippi, mounting twenty guns, was burned by the enemy. The Anglo-Norman, another fron ram, was also burned. The floating battery was sunk at Algiers, opposite New Orleans.

On the 27th General Butler landed his troops above Fort St. Philip, and the next day both forts surrendered.

The floating bettery Louisians was blown

On the same day Forts Livingston and Pik were abandoned.

Our flag floats over a'll the forts and the

Crescent City. The victory is complete

Our Special Expeditionary Correspon dence.

UNITED STATES FLAGSHIF HARIFORD, HEAD OF THE PASSES, April 13, 1862. The Rebels Suproved to be Building a New Battery—The Work to be Stopped—Narrow Escape of Flag Officer Faragut—A Gunboot Skirmish and Rebel Retreat—The Chains Across the River in a Snarl-The Cause of the Com Among the Robits-Fine Weather-The Shell Prac

Last evening the gunboat Kathadia, Lieutenant Commanding Proble, arrived from up the river and reported forts led them to suppose the enemy were constructing a battery just above the wooded point, with a view of planting there the two heavy rifled guns, so that they could prevent the mortar vessels from lying under the

This morning the Fing Officer and Fleet Captain Bell went on board of the Harriet Lane, and went up for the roose of putting a stop to battery building in any scality within the range of our guns. As we proceede up the river it was noticed that there was something wrong at the chain vessels, and as we drew near to reconnoites, we were startled by a sharp report, and he whiz of a rifled masket ball which passed very close to the head of the Flag Officer. The sca only fired a few before the guns of the Harriet round shot, grape and shrrpael into the wods in roch rapidity as to make that particular place too of or any riflemen to stand. I think somebody got hurt, in the mean time one of the rebol boats fired a ritice eighty-pounder shell which richecheted along and religiat short of the Varuna. The Westfield being fast, and having a one-bundred-pounder Parrott on board, fired The raft used on this cocusion was common material, the used in this tynning was only a ruse to get a better-position. But, also, for human calculation, they beat the retrease and field inglestously, and teck shelter under the frowning walls only for fort-Jackson. If Capitain Reunhaw, of the Westfield, sould have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at them, I think he would have had another shot at the rest of two and a had knots per haur. All the robis accumplance of the reds and the rate of two and a had knots per haur. All the robis and the robis accumplance of the robis and give us an opportunity, by daying the think of the rest was an advantage of the rest was an advantage of the rest to come, and give us an opportunity, by daying the rest of two and a had knots per haur. All the robis accumplance of the rest and the robis accumplance of the robis accumplance of the rest and the robis accumplance of the robis accumplance of the robis accumplance of the rest of the robis accumplance of the robis the Westfield had the tendency to delude us into the benef that ther grabuats would at last stand fire, and that

them you will have rull particulars in regard movements and achievements.

The flost new lying here is the largest one yellogated in larerican waters, and represents nearly class of vessels, from first class steem sloops of war to a frugate armed launch. The energian floor, in it sent shape, differs materially from anything y tempted in warfare. Their practice, as witnessed at truly flos, and the result of the emplosion of a thinch shell is a magnificent sight, more so partic when you are out of its range, it am informed b petent authority that one of those, striking fair runs easily the casemates of works like Fort Is and if one in every four fired does its duty it is in bie for the rebels to hold out any length of time.

Passent Hartvone, April 18 – Eve

FLAGSHIP HARTYOND, April 15-Ev THE MORTAR PLEET UNDER WAY. The bustle of warlike preparation is hourly assure a more perceptible form. The entire floot of movesse's and several of the gunboats have been painted color, so as to obstruct the eight of the rebel acre. A portion of the mortar flotilla went up yeste afternoon, and the towing vessels worked at the night, so that by an early hour this morning all essels were away from here and in position to o sence work. The Pensacola came up and anchored of us, and the Mesiasippi went up the river. This me et, or rather what was left of them, under way, bound the river. A fair wind was aiding them, and every forts. The Richmond had her salling orders, and me

forts. The Richmond had her saling orders, and mored up the river at tan o'clock. Not a moriar vessel is new to be seen, and the only ships here now are the following:—Fingship Hartford, Brooklyn, Pensacola (coaling), Varuna (coaling), Cayuga (repairing sognies), Rodgomery (to sall to morrow with despatches westward), and ba: k A. Houghton, Poster's store vessel.

The sloop-of-war Pertamouth will probable come up and several guibats. We expect General Butlar here to morrow or Thursday. Had it not been for the delay caused by the lack of coal for the Pensacola and some of the guibants we would have gone up to-day. The mortar flottilla will probably open fire to-morrow, and freen the time they begin must be dated the fall of New Orleans.

The weather is dull and beavy, with prospects of a

FOUR MILES BELOW FORT JACKSON, April 16, 1869. THE SQUADBON.

saco's were sens up to this place. The Portamouth, sloop-of-war, will-be up to-morrow. At three o'clock we at the head of the Passes one month and one day. At five o'clock, when off the Jump, we fell in with the Brisish steamer Barrocouta; we bith slowed down, and the flag officer sent some despatches on board, after which the Jump we sund a portion of the mortar we which had been turned up, and were awalting time to be turned still further up and into their fighting position. A lively little time at shell for some purpose unknown to us. We are lying only only on your outside of their rifle range, surrounded by ginds of vessels. To morrow we will get into position and incitating the second of the seco

flagship of the blue, Acting Master Smith

Acting Master Furber. Acting Master Godfrey Second Division

Schr. T.A. Ward, flag
ahip of the red.

Schr. A. Hugel
Acting Master Jenks,
10—Schr. M. Vassar, Jr. Acting Master Savage,
11—G. Mungham. Acting Master Oollins,
12—Schr. M. J. Cariton Acting Master Jacks,
13—Schr. B. C. Jooes. Acting Master Adama
14—Schr. Orvotta Acting Master Blanch
Third Dictsion.

15—Barkengine H. Boais.

Bagship of the White J. Lieutenant Breese.

16—Schr. J. Grillith. Acting Master Brown.

17—Schr. Racer. Acting Master Phinning 18—Schr. H. Janes. Acting Master Christian 19—Schr. H. Janes. Acting Master Penningt 20—Schr. Dan Smith. Acting Master Brown.

21—Brig Sea Foam Acting Master Williams Tetal—20 vessels.

Grand total—both fleets—20.

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We expect the Octorara here daily and the Jackson; but I think we will not wait here any longer for anybody. The Sachem surveying seamer is here. The French steamer Milan got under way this afternoon, and it was his intention to come up to see the fight. He was not in sight at eights o'clock this evening. All the evening bright lights have been moving around the position of the chain across the river, and we survive that the robots are repairing damages caused by he late freshet.

THE PRESENT HOW THE MORTAR BOATS WERE DISGU-THE RESELS WORRYING THE PLUSS—A SKIRMEN.

At five o'clock this morning It was reported that a stre raft was coming down the river, and surefenough in a few minutes afterwards the burning affair came around the point, but owing to the fresh wind blowing up the river her progress was very slow. Signals were immediately made to two or three of the gunboats to take it in charge. A few shells were fired into At, but they did not affect if much. A boat from the Iroquois-went alongside of it a threw grapplings in it and towed it clear of the vesses Only three vessels ordered left their anchorage. I must confessour people laughed at the foolishness of the rebels in sending this raft down at such a time and under such elicumstances. At half-past six o'clock the raft was towed on shore and allowed tachura up at its own loisure. The raft used on this occasion was a common flathest. The raft used on this occasion was a common flathess, say one hundred and fifty feet long by fifty feet broad, and about eight feet deep. This was filled with pine.